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**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18 @ NOON**





**Light Up Liberty Garden**  
**Sun., November 22**  
**6 p.m. @ Liberty Garden**  
**on Depot St. in Durant**  
**Hosted by the Giveback Committee**



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# HERALD

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## Nineteen-year-old nabbed in Sunflower shooting, other arrests made

**By Matthew Breazeale**  
A nineteen-year-old man was arrested after shooting another person on November 6.

Lexington Police Chief John Newton said Sammy Kirklin is charged with aggravated assault, shooting into a dwelling, shooting into a motor vehicle and discharging a firearm in city limits.

“Two guys got into an altercation, fighting,” said Newton, “and one guy just went to his car and shot (the victim).”

The motive for the shooting is still under investigation.

Newton said the victim

## Lexington Police look to increase patrols while residents out of town

**Staff Report**  
Lexington Police Chief John Newton is encouraging residents within the city limits of Lexington be proactive in deterring crime.

Residents who will be visiting family or traveling during

## Hoops highlights for Central Holmes on page 6



Pictured above is: #4 J.J. Brown, #24 Kenzie Cochran, and #11 Drue Johnson. See more Trojans basketball highlights on page 6. (Photo by Scott Jones)

survived and is at home.

The incident happened in the parking lot of Sunflower Grocery Store.

No bond was set as Kirklin was already out on a previous felony bond with Holmes County.

The Lexington Police Department netted other recent arrests:

Jeffrey Oliver-Williams, 37, arrested on 11-1-2020, three counts of possession of a controlled substance, trafficking of a controlled substance. Williams bond is set at \$85,000.

Brandon Pernell, 24, was arrested for conspiracy to commit a crime. Pernell’s bond is set at \$5,000.

Ayquanya Brown, 25, was arrested for aggravated assault, shooting into a dwelling and discharging a firearm. No bond was set for Brown as he was already out on a felony bond.

O’Justin Wade, 24, was arrested for conspiracy to commit a crime. Wade’s bond was set at \$5,000.

William Terry, 21, was arrested on two counts of aggravated assault, shooting into an occupied dwelling and home invasion. Terry’s bond was set at \$60,000.

## Trojans net wins in hoops, return after Thanksgiving

**Staff Report**  
The Central Holmes Trojans, Lady Trojans, Junior High Trojans and Junior High Lady Trojans played Benton Academy on Tuesday, November 10, and Manchester Academy on Thursday, November 12.

The Junior High girls lost the game against Benton Academy by a score of 26-18. High scorers in this game include Drue Johnson and Natalie Winstead, with six points each.

The junior high boys played their first two games of the season, winning both. The junior high Trojans won the game against

## Holmes County State Park Lake is closed

**Press Release**  
Holmes County State Park Lake is closed to public access. The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks (MDWFP) began draining English and Odum lakes during October for a dam repair project.

The campground and day use areas are included in the closure.

The lakes will be filled and restocked with fish once the dam repairs are complete. Other improvement projects are being planned while the facility is closed, such as building a new fishing pier and boat ramp.

For more information re-



garding hunting or fishing in Mississippi, visit our website at [www.mdwfp.com](http://www.mdwfp.com) or call us at (601) 432-2400.

## Parades cancelled around county, Durant group to host toy giveaway event

**Staff Report**  
News has reached the *Herald* office that Santa Claus won’t be making his annual appearances at Christmas parades around the county this year; but with another opportunity in the works.

Officials with Lexington, Goodman, Durant, Pickens

and Tchula report that plans for the festive floats and marching bands to herald in the Christmas season are cancelled.

As of Sunday, November 15, there were 589 cases of COVID-19 reported to the Mississippi State Department of Health. Cases across the state are steadily increasing with new counties added weekly on Governor Tate Reeves mandatory mask mandates in November.

Holiday happenings are set to take place in Durant hosted by the Give Back

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Committee. The group of local event organizers, hosted Durant’s fall festival early in October and is now planning for a toy give-away for Christmas.

Latonya Smith-Gladney, spokeswoman of the committee, said her group is planning the toy give-away with the aim of providing 500 toys to area youth. Toys were collected earlier throughout the year.

The event will be Sunday, December 6, at 2 p.m., Derrick-Hobbs Memorial Park on MS Highway 12.

Horse and carriage rides, hot air balloon rides, live Christmas carolers, raffles for adults are also planned for the event.

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## Decorations contest set in Durant

**Staff Report**  
The Give Back Committee in Durant wants to see residents’ homes and mailboxes dressed in their holiday best this season.

The group, comprised of local event organizers in Durant, hopes to foster a better sense of community and Christmas spirit.


“Years ago, different neighborhoods throughout the town had different themes to decorate their homes,” said Latonya Smith-Gladney, spokeswoman for the committee. “This season we want to encourage participation with a cash prize.”

Lights, garlands, bows, bells, wreaths and inflatables will be judged by the committee. Decorations are to be completed by Monday, December 7, by dark.








Those who want to

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<b>Thursday</b> Sunny 71/45 Precip. Chance 0%	<b>Friday</b> Sunny 73/48 Precip. Chance 10%	<b>Saturday</b> Sunny 75/53 Precip. Chance 10%	<b>Sunday</b> Partly Cloudy 76/54 Precip. Chance 20%	<b>Monday</b> A.M. Showers 65/48 Precip. Chance 50%	<b>Tuesday</b> Showers 67/47 Precip. Chance 60%	<b>Wednesday</b> Showers 65/50 Precip. Chance 40%

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