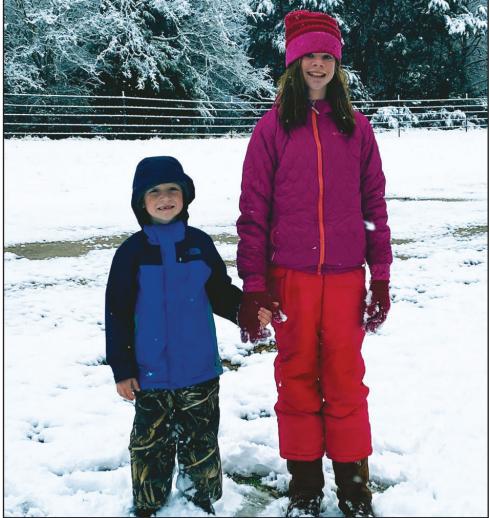
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# Week-long winter weather in Holmes County (Photos Submitted by Readers)



Pictured above, from left: Janie Giles, Reece Vaughn (at top), Fen Anderson and Liza Anderson all play together in the snow and ice covering their trampoline.



Pictured above, from left, Weston and Lydia Killebrew, pose for a photo opportunity in the snow.



Pictured above, Lauren Anderson shows off a frozen disc. Low temperatures recorded in Holmes County included,



Pictured above, from left, John White, Tate McLellan, Mary Presley McLellan, Carlyn White, Mason McLellan, Sara Burden White, and "O" enjoy one last walk in the snow on Sunday, February 21, in West.

## **SBA reaches \$200 billion** milestone in Economic **Injury Disaster Loan Program to small** businesses and non-profits

#### **Press Release**

U.S. small businesses, non-nomic effects of COVID-19." profits, and agricultural busiin emergency funding.

ploying more than 20 mil- can't be paid because of the

lion people with \$200 billion On February 16, the U.S. through the unprecedented Small Business Adminis- COVID-19 EIDL loan protration reached a milestone gram," Acting Administrator in the success of the CO- Tami Perriello said. "SBA VID-19 Economic Injury remains committed to help-Disaster Loan (EIDL) pro- ing small businesses recover gram, which has provided from the unprecedented eco-

SBA is still accepting COnesses a total of \$200 billion VID-19 EIDL loan applications as the deadline to apply "Following the enactment has been extended to Dec. of COVID-19 emergency 31, 2021. EIDL funding is legislation, the SBA has now used to pay fixed debts, payprovided more than 3.7 mil- roll and expenses, accounts lion small businesses em- payable and other bills that

disaster's impact. This financial resource has allowed millions of small business owners across America to retain employees, continue operating and support their communities during the CO-VID-19 pandemic.

SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are just one piece of the expanded focus of the federal government's coordinated response. The SBA is strongly committed to providing the most effective and customer-focused programs possible.

As a reminder, the loan portion of the COVID-19 EIDL program continues to have funds available at very affordable and flexible terms, with an automatic deferment of one year before monthly payments begin. Every eligible small business and non-profit is encouraged to visit sba.gov/coronavirusrelief to get more informa-

### **Corrections reform,** transparency in appropriations among legislation approved by Mississippi Senate

#### **Press Release**

Legislation passed by the Mississippi Senate on February 9 included:

· Senate Bill 2839, authored by Chairman Josh Harkins, which revises the SMART Business Act to provide grants to faculty and staff at universities to develop prototypes for market. The SMART Business Act was originally passed to encourage better relationships between businesses and institutions of higher learning to promote innovation and

programs.

tion about applying for EIDL and other economic recovery

economic development in the State.

- · Senate Bill 2795, authored by Chairman Juan Barnett, which responsibly increases earned parole opportunities and increases educational and job training opportunities. Barnett has worked with sheriffs, district attorneys, criminal justice advocates, and others for months on the development Hosemann said. of this legislation.
- thored by Chairman Briggs Hopson, which requires nonprofits or other entities to provide a report on ex- hosemann.ms.gov.

penditures. Currently, these entities are not subject to the open records laws like other public entities receiving taxpayer dollars.

• Senate Bill 2621, authored by Chairman Brice Wiggins, which establishes a task force to examine Mississippi's current domestic and family laws related to childcare, custody, guardianad-litem and other issues.

"Our Senators are focused on legislation which increases transparency, maximizes the use of state dollars, recognizes ingenuity, and improves the lives of Mississippians," Lt. Governor Delbert

The deadline for original • Senate Bill 2824, au- floor action on general legislation was Thursday, February 11, 2021.

For more information on receiving a line-item appro- Lieutenant Governor Delbert priation from the Legislature Hosemann, visit www.ltgov-