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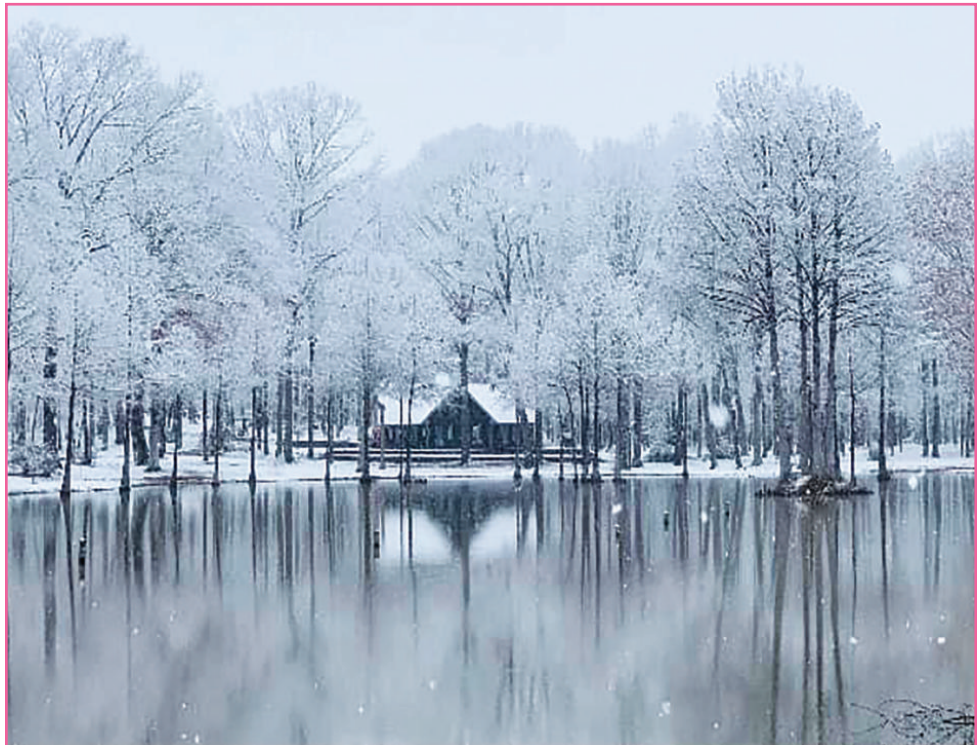
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Winter weather halts daily life in Holmes County for many



Pictured above, the historic Holmes County Courthouse was photographed on Monday, February 15 at 6:30 a.m. after snow had moved into the area. Pictured at right, The home and landscape of Jan and Earl Maddox was like a scene off a postcard. The photo was taken off of MS Highway 12 east. See more snow week pictures in this week's edition starting on page 6. (Courtesy Photos)



Winter hits hard in Holmes County *Disruptive weather blankets county in ice*

Staff Report

On the heels on Valentine's Day, Holmes County was brought to a standstill last

Break-ins reported in Lexington offices

Staff Report

The Holmes County Sheriff's Department in assisting in the investigations of reported break-ins from this past week.

Offices of the tax assessor and others in the historic Holmes County Courthouse on the square in Lexington were broken into.

Water damage was reported after faucets in bathrooms were discovered turned on and left running. Windows were also reportedly busted out.

Damages were discovered on Sunday, February 21.

Also there was a reported

week with extreme winter weather.

Residents, businesses, schools and others were on hold during the week-long freezing mix of sleet, snow, flurries and ice that rained down and kept most Holmes Countians hunkered down.

Temperatures reached record lows with reported 12 degrees on Monday, February 15, 19 degrees on February 16, and 17 degrees on February 19.

Roads remained mostly impassable through the week with MDOT operating in limited capacities in slippery road conditions. One plow was seen Tuesday afternoon on Highway 12 east thinning down layers of ice on the road.

Operations at the *Holmes County Herald* were also affected resulting in delayed newspaper deliveries for the February 18's edition. *Herald* Editor Matthew Breazeale reported dangerously slick conditions on Highway 12 west on Wednesday, February 17.

Breazeale attempted to travel to Greenwood for newspaper pickup at the *Greenwood Commonwealth* but was forced to return to Lexington after encountering hazardous conditions near S.V. Marshall Elementary School.

The Holmes County Sheriff's Department reported working ten vehicle slide offs last week. Sheriff Willie March added his department also aided residents in obtaining life-saving medications for residents in need, due to the icy roads.

There was also one reported wreck in Lexington last week.

Holmes County Supervisor President Debra Mabry said on Monday, February 15, "If this keeps up yearly we're going to have to invest in road equipment/retrofit our dump trucks," referring to the winter weather.

Many water systems across all municipalities in the county reported low or no water pressure with many customers following the

Two applications filed for Lexington mayor in upcoming municipal election

By Matthew Breazeale

The qualifying deadline for candidates for municipal office was February 5. Several applications have been submitted for the city of Lexington.

The Municipal Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, April 6, with the runoffs, if any, being on Tuesday, April 27. The Municipal General Election, for those running as independent candidates, is set for Tuesday, June 8.

Two are vying for the office of mayor, incumbent Robin McCrory, and Isaac Lindsey. Applications for aldermen positions were submitted for ward 1, Walter Earl Pitchford, Lashunka Kirklin and Latoya Hester; ward 2, Joshua Davis (i), ward 3, Richard Spencer (i) and Kim Sample; ward 4, Charles E. Simmons and Angela Pilgrim; and at large, Clemetene Cooper (i). All candidates who submitted applications are running as Independent.

According to Lexington City Clerk Willie Mae For-

rest, the election commissioners have not met as of Monday, February 22, to qualify any candidates but have met for election training.

General qualifications for office, as outlined by the Mississippi Secretary of State's Office, are "Qualified elector (registered voter) of the State of Mississippi and in the municipality/ward of the office for which the candidate seeks election. (The candidate can) Never have been convicted of bribery, perjury or other infamous crime, being defined as a crime punishable by a minimum of one (1) year confinement in the state penitentiary, unless pardoned for the offense. (The candidate can) Never have been convicted of a felony in a court of this state or, of a felony in a federal court, or of a crime in the court of another state which is a felony under the laws of this state, on or after December 8, 1992; excluding, however, a conviction of manslaughter or a violation of the United States Internal Revenue

Code or any violation of the tax laws of this state, unless the offense also involved the misuse or abuse of an office or money coming into a candidate's hands by virtue of

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Lady Trojans advance to state basketball tourney

Staff Report

After having earned a berth in the North State District 2-AAA, the Lady Trojans are headed to play in the State Tournament held at Oak Hill Academy.

The Lady Trojans played Clinton Christian at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24 in the quarter-finals of the State Basketball Tournament. If they win, they will advance to the semi-finals. If they lose, this will be their last game of a great season.

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43%



Sunday
Scattered T'Storms
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53%



Monday
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Precip. Chance
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