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## Vann seeks re-election to mayor of Tchula



**GENERAL VANN**

The Holmes County Herald has been authorized to release the following paid political announcement. My Fellow Citizens of Tchula, Four years ago, you elected me Mayor. At that time, I had a blueprint to build a house, but the journey was hampered by high headwinds, rough curves, and roadblocks. Nevertheless, we were able to make sub-

stantial headway in beautifying the city, making the city a safer place, and developing infrastructure to improve our daily lives. Some of our accomplishments include:

- Building a fire station and obtaining a new fire truck;
- Obtaining a \$30,000 search grant to assess our water and sewer needs- a precursor to getting an infrastructure grant;
- Securing \$20,000 in grants for the police department to purchase uniforms, bulletproof vests, body cameras, computers, and PPE;
- Developing a 5.4 million dollars housing project on Jesse Banks Drive;
- Partnering with Hughes Spelling, LLC to renovate

Telfair Apartments;

- Securing a \$10,000 in grant money from MSDH to promote healthy lifestyle, and how to manage diabetes and hypertension;
- Obtaining a new Lift Pump Station on Pine Street, Lakeview Drive, and repairs to the Lagoon to enhance our sewer system;
- Acquiring \$10,000 grant from CN Railroad for plants and shrubbery to beautify the city; and
- Obtaining three consecutive \$46,000 grants from MDOT to keep the MVSU Transit Transportation for seniors and the disabled.

Notwithstanding all of our accomplishments, we have also encountered challenges, specifically with revenue. Often times, we are just breaking even.

Being Mayor is hard work. You cannot do this

Central Holmes Christian School senior, Kayla Jefferson, has been offered the Centennial Award at Mississippi University for Women. The Centennial Scholarship is The W's most prestigious scholarship.

Kayla is the daughter of Christopher and Flor Jefferson of Lexington.

The scholarship is awarded to a very select group of students which includes living and studying on the University's Residential Honors Program.

The Centennial Scholarship is based on the student's record of academic excellence and the results of an interview with Honors College faculty.

According to the University, there are many benefits associated with this prestigious award.

While at the University, the participating students reside at Grossnickle, the Hon-

ors College residence hall, and take honors sections of select core classes together in their first two years, supporting each other and working closely with honors faculty. Students also have Peer Mentors in their majors and Honors Resident assistants who offer constant support. Students participate in the honors activities as a community.

On the Honors Study Abroad, after her sophomore year, she will travel with the MUW faculty and cohort on a four-week study abroad program in the early summer. Past programs have been held in England, Scotland, Ireland, Belgium and Peru. This trip is the capstone of the living-learning community experience and is deeply enriching for students academically, culturally and personally.

The four-year honors experience culminates in an independent research project, in which the senior student develops a committee of advisors and plans, completes and presents their own in-

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## Suspect arrested in February courthouse burglary



**ROBERT WALDEN**  
Staff Report

The Holmes County Sheriff's Department apprehended Robert Walden, 52, of Holmes County on Monday,

February 22 in the Balance Due Community in Lexington.

Walden is charged with burglary of a commercial building with a bond of \$25,000. According to the Sheriff's Department, Walden allegedly broke into the Holmes County Tax Assessor's Office on the square in Lexington, Tuesday, February 16, 2021 and stole three heaters and a lantern light. None of these items were recovered. Walden is considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

## CHCS track teams participated in CA meet

Staff Report

All four Central Holmes Christian School track teams competed in the Canton Academy Early Bird Invitational 2021 Track Meet that was held on Wednesday, March 3.

Results for competitors in each event are as follows,

**High School Girls**

**100 Meter Dash** - Aubrey Carr, 3rd; **200 Meter Dash** - Hayley Haffey, 4th; **400 Meter Dash** - Aubrey Carr, 5th; **800 Meter Run** - no participant; **1600 Meter Run** - Breann Bell, 1st; Allie McBride, 5th; **100 Meter Hurdles** - Mackenzie Ward, 1st; **300 Meter**

**Hurdles** - Mackenzie Ward, 1st; **High Jump** - Mackenzie Ward, 3rd; **Long Jump** - Hayley Haffey, 6th; Aubrey Carr, 7th; **Triple Jump** - no participant; **Pole Vault** - no participant; **Discus** - Olivia McBride, 4th; **Shot Put** - Olivia McBride 7th; **4x100 Meter Relay** - 1st; **4x200 Meter Relay** - 1st; **4x400 Meter Relay** - 1st; **4x800 Meter Relay** - 3rd

**High School Boys**

**100 Meter Dash** - Jace Dean, 2nd; **200 Meter Dash** - Lawrence Wyley, 2nd; **400 Meter Dash** - Michael Jones 6th; **800 Meter Run** - Jurden Engle, 1st; Ellis Harris, 5th; **1600 Meter Run** - no participants; **3200 Meter Run** - no participants; **110 Meter Hurdles** - no participants; **300 Meter Hurdles** - no participants; **High Jump** - Artino Brown, 2nd; Bryce Hester, 4th; **Long Jump** - Jace Dean, 4th; Lawrence Wyley, 5th; **Triple Jump** - Lawrence Wyley, 2nd; Jace Dean, 4th; (Continued on page 8.)

## CHCS student awarded MUW's most prestigious scholarship



**KAYLA JEFFERSON**

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**Thursday**  
Partly Cloudy  
59/44  
Precip. Chance  
6%



**Friday**  
Cloudy  
57/40  
Precip. Chance  
10%



**Saturday**  
Partly Cloudy  
65/42  
Precip. Chance  
14%



**Sunday**  
Mostly Sunny  
70/48  
Precip. Chance  
4%



**Monday**  
Partly Cloudy  
72/55  
Precip. Chance  
8%



**Tuesday**  
Showers  
73/56  
Precip. Chance  
46%



**Wednesday**  
Showers  
75/53  
Precip. Chance  
45%

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