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## Robinson seeks re-election to mayor of Durant      Rowe signs with Holmes Community College



DR. HENRY ROBINSON, JR.

The *Holmes County Herald* has been authorized to release the following paid political announcement.

Greetings: Four years ago when I was elected to the Office of Mayor, three days prior to election we experienced the worst tornado in history since our founding. The destruction left behind was incomprehensible, but we rallied together as a community, and people from around this nation stood in solidarity with us to help us rebuild and

recover from such a tragedy. I was reminded of a quote by Helen Keller, “Alone we can do so little; together we can do much.” It was in that moment where we realized the power our community has when we unite as one.

Since the day I took the solemn oath to lead this great city, I have worked tirelessly to ensure that I was leading this city into a more prosperous future. In these four years of office, the City of Durant has been successful in restoring our community from the devastation of the tornado, acquiring numerous grants that focused on infrastructure, beautifying our city by demolishing blighted properties, revitalizing our parks, and so much more. Serving as your Mayor has not been a job, but a passion because I have had the opportunity to be instrumental in fundamental changes our city desperately needed. I understood that no longer

can we wait on change to occur, but we must go out, take the initiative, and make the change.

When I look at other great municipalities around this state and nation, I realize that we can be just as successful when we stand together as one and the leaders fight for the community and not themselves only. Our community has lost a lot over the past years and decades, but I wholeheartedly believe that in the four years of serving as Mayor, we have changed the trajectory of this city. We are on the path to greatness, and I desire to continue to rebuild our community and build on the foundation that we have been able to lay. Durant has seen great days in the past, but I know we will reach a more prosperous future for our children and loved ones to enjoy.

There is so much hope for our community, but that hope cannot be manifested



Quashon Rowe, 18, son of Erica Rowe of Mileston has signed with Holmes Community College to play basketball in the fall. Pictured above (from left to right) are: Coach Antwayn Patrick, Rowe and Head Coach DeAngelo Priar.

(Photo by Julie Ellison)

unless there is a willingness to do whatever it takes to see success. I, Dr. Henry Robinson Jr., am willing to continue the work of Mayor, and humbly seek your prayers and your vote as I seek election for Mayor of Durant.

## HE IS RISEN!!!

**By Keith Garland, Pastor at First Baptist Church of Lexington**

Easter Sunday is a special time for many. Some gather with friends and family at church, eat good food and have Easter egg hunts with the children. Because of the coronavirus, last Easter was drastically different as the virus was rapidly spreading and businesses, churches and schools began rapidly closing in mid-March in an attempt to stop or at least slow down the spread of this virus. Most of us did not gather with friends and family last Easter and we attended church virtually. This year is much better as we have returned somewhat to normal or a “new normal” as the catch phrase goes.

For Christians, Easter is a very special time of year. Easter commemorates the time when Jesus rose from the dead after being crucified. In church the other day, Sonny, my co-laborer in Christ said that Christ could not have risen from the grave unless he was put there. True. I would add that Jesus Christ would not have been put into the grave unless he had died. The grave is where you lay people to rest when they have passed. Jesus was in the grave because he died on a cruel cross as a sacrifice for our sins of his own will.

I say “of his own will” because Scripture tells us that

Jesus predicted to his disciples that he would die and rise again. In the Bible book of Matthew 20:18-19 (ESV), Jesus tells us “See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day.”

And that’s what happened. Jesus was arrested for crimes he didn’t commit after being betrayed by one of his own, Judas. After going through a series of mocked-up trials, beat-




ings and ridicule at the hands of Roman soldiers, Jesus was crucified, dying for our sins. The greatest act of love known to mankind happened on the cross of Christ. That is why the Friday before Easter is called “Good Friday”.


But the Sunday after he died was also good. We find in the Gospels (the first 4 books of the New Testament) that very early that Sunday morning, the tomb where Jesus’s body was placed was found empty. This confused the women who had gone to embalm the body of Christ. An angel appeared to explain. “But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” (Matthew 28:5-7 ESV)

There is great significance to the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. Much more than can be covered within the scope of this article. The Bible tells the whole story. As you enjoy Easter weekend with family and friends at church and around the table in your home enjoying a good meal, remember the significance of Easter. Consider first that it is about the resurrection of Jesus Christ!


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