



Congressman Thompson announces FCC to launch emergency broadband benefit program

News Release
(Bolton, MS) – Today, United States Representative Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS) announced the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is launching the Emergency Broadband Ben-

Mississippi man accused of illegally using COVID funds

News Release
STARKVILLE, Miss. (AP) — A Mississippi man was arrested Thursday for his alleged role in a scheme to get more than \$6 million in federal loans from the COVID-19 Paycheck Protection Program, federal prosecutors said. Christopher Paul Lick, 45, of Starkville, is accused of using the relief money to buy a variety of luxury items, including a \$1 million home and a \$100,000 Tesla, the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of Mississippi said in a news release. He also allegedly used the money to

efit (EBB) Program today. The EBB Program is a \$3.2 billion program created as part of the final omnibus appropriations bill in December. The program will provide qualifying families a discount on their monthly

invest in the stock market, authorities said. It was unknown if Lick has an attorney who could speak on his behalf. Lick devised a scheme to defraud and obtain the funds by filing false and fraudulent loan applications with banks providing loans as part of the relief program, the news release said. Lick is alleged to have overstated the number of employees and payroll expenses of his businesses to receive the funds. Lick faces four counts of wire fraud, one count of making false statements to a financial institution and 11

internet bills. The EBB Program will provide struggling families a discount of \$50, or \$75 on tribal lands, off the monthly cost of home internet service. It may also provide an additional subsidy for a computer. Other important resources to flag: *Eligible households can enroll by contacting their internet service provider and asking to sign up, and they can learn more – including whether they qualify – by visiting <https://getemergencybroadband.org> For more information on the program itself, you can visit: <https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit>.

counts of money laundering. If convicted of those charges, Lick faces up to 30 years in prison.

Special Pop-Up Vaccination Clinics coming to Humphreys County

News Release
The Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) will host special pop-up COVID-19 vaccination clinics in Humphreys County on May 19-22. No appointments necessary. Drop by, or make an appointment at <https://covid-vaccine.umc.edu>.
Wednesday, May 19th
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Thursday, May 20th
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Friday, May 21st



May 20 - Mr. and Mrs. Byron Porter, Sr.
May 21 - Randy and Rhonda Langford, Steven and Randi Edwards, Grady and Teri Ables, John and Krystal Bishop
May 22 - Nick and Ann King, Wayne and Christie Ray
May 25 - Timmy and Glynda Boatner, Mark and Angelia Langford, Daniel and Laura Gottschalck, Buddy and Julie Hathcock, Roger and Linda Dishroom, Bailey and Hallie Rutledge
May 26 - Billy and Sheila Russell, Tri and Brittany Nason, Bryan and Jamie



May 20 - Roderick S. Cox, Pam Hooker, Antis McMorris, Sandy Johnson, Sara Gayle Coleman, Easton Hammons, Gray Thomas
To add your birthdays and anniversaries to our list, please send your information by mail to P.O. Box 60, Lexington, MS 39095; fax 662-834-1074; email to hcherald@gmail.com; or stop by our office at 308 Court Square in Lexington. No phone calls, please.
Ware, Stephan and Melinda Mathis

Walker, Dennis Killebrew, Heather Jones
May 21 - Marty James, Katlyn McLellan, Brandon Dickerson, Leigh Chisolm
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May 23 - Aaron Richmond, Doris Ellison, Kelle S. Atkinson
May 24 - Judy Ferrell, Laura Partain, Lindsey C. Austin
May 25 - Derrick Russell, Billy Edwards, Maddie Smith, Linda McDonald, Lyndol G. Giles,
May 26 - Joseph Ellison, Bubba Malone, Connor Loflin, Mack Watts, Jr., Misty Cain, Daffany Lyles, Nancy Hogsett, Larthell Crockrell, Olivia Heard



Salad Dressings

As the summer months arrive, I feel as if it is time to bring on the salads. Fresh vegetables from our gardens and markets are available for those delicious summer salads. Some prefer greens only, while others add vegetables, cheeses, meats, nuts, and even fruit to their bowl of greens. While these items of choice make up your salad, the dressing is really the star of the show.
A green salad makes for a mouth-watering starter for your meal or can be a meal in itself. As an avid watcher of the Seinfeld show, I am always amused at Elaine’s frequent order of “the big salad”. If there wasn’t a big salad on the menu, she wasn’t going to eat there.
Dressings are usually creamy based or an oil/vinegar base. A few creamy favorites are Blue Cheese, Thousand Island, or Ranch. Some oil and vinegar based dressings include Greek, Vinaigrette, or Balsamic. Ranch dressings have taken

a life of their own by adding bacon, cheese, and jalapeños. They also accompany pizza, breadsticks, chicken wings, nuggets and fries. Italian, another favorite, can be a creamy or oil-based delight – also great as a sandwich spread or on your favorite burger.
The United States has a top 10 list of favorite salad dressings:
1) Ranch Dressing
2) Vinaigrette Dressing
3) Caesar Dressing
4) Italian Dressing
5) Bleu Cheese Dressing
6) Thousand Island
7) Balsamic Vinaigrette
8) Honey Mustard
9) French Dressing
10) Greek Dressing
The salad dressing aisle at the grocery is just brimming with choices, and delicious ones at that. But taking a few extra minutes for a homemade dressing can make all the difference in the world. They can be kept in a Mason jar in your refrigerator until ready for use.
I hope you will give these a

try. Thanks for reading.
SALSA RANCH DRESSING
(This is also great as a dip for crackers and vegetables.)
1 pkg. Ranch dressing mix, prepared according to package directions
1 (16 oz.) jar your favorite salsa
3 Tbsp. lemon juice
Prepare dressing mix according to package directions. Mix salsa and lemon juice in dressing. Refrigerate overnight or for several hours before serving.
BLUE CHEESE DRESSING
1 cup mayonnaise
½ cup crumbled blue cheese
½ cup sour cream
¾ cup half and half
½ tsp. paprika
1 Tbsp. garlic powder
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
½ tsp. ground white pepper
Using a wire whisk, combine the mayonnaise, blue cheese, sour cream, and half and half in a stainless steel bowl; mix the ingredients thoroughly. Add remaining ingredients and blend them together. Refrigerate until needed. Best made a day before using.
(I’ve always thought I didn’t like Blue Cheese dressing. I recently tested a friend’s wedge salad with this dressing topped with bacon – it was divine!)
HERB VINAIGRETTE
¼ cup red wine vinegar

3 Tbsp. chopped fresh basil
3 Tbsp. chopped fresh chives
3 Tbsp. chopped flat leaf parsley
2 Tbsp. finely chopped green onion
1 Tbsp. Dijon mustard
1 Tbsp. honey
¼ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. black pepper
¾ cup olive oil
Whisk all ingredients, except olive oil, in a medium bowl until combined. Add the olive oil gradually, whisking constantly until oil is incorporated.
SWEET BALSAMIC DRESSING
½ cup white balsamic vinegar
½ cup olive oil
½ cup vegetable oil
¼ cup sugar
¼ cup fresh parsley, chopped
2 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
4 dashes Tabasco sauce
Combine all ingredients into a jar with a tight fitting lid and shake to combine. Will store in refrigerator for 1 month; bring to room temperature before serving.
*Also delicious drizzled over chilled asparagus and tomatoes. **Lee Ann Fleming is a Holmes County native, food columnist and has garnered fame for her recipes featured in the film, The Help. Fleming can be reached at lafkitchen@hughes.net.*

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