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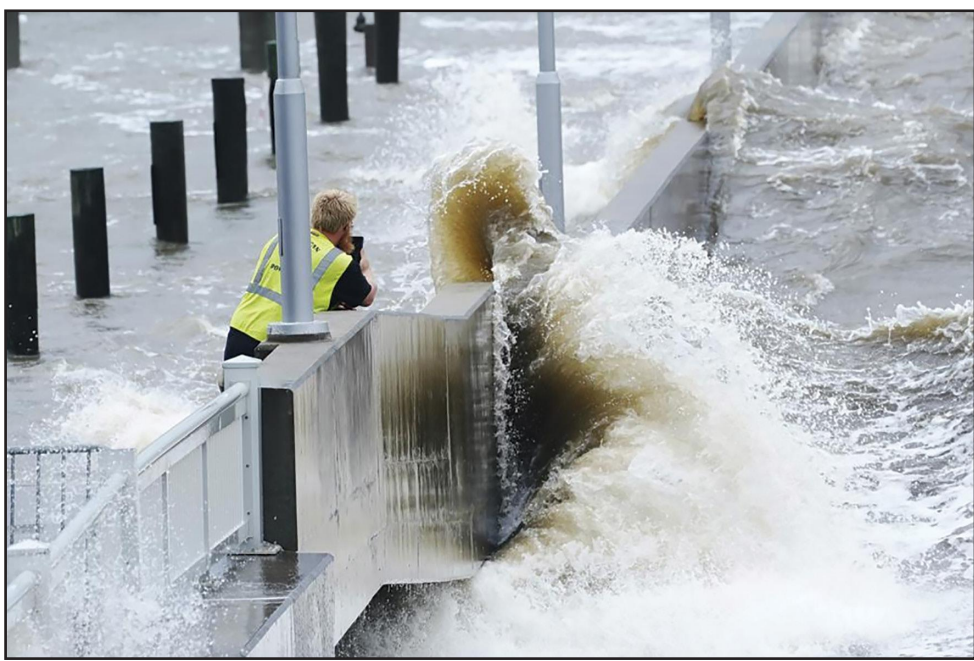
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## Hurricane Ida devastates LA and S. MS, spares Holmes Co.



A utility worker photographs waves as they slam against a sea wall at the city marina as outer bands of Hurricane Ida arrive Sunday, Aug. 29, 2021, in Bay Saint Louis, Miss. (AP Photo/Steve Helber)

By Rebecca Santana, Kevin McGill and Janet McConnaughey

New Orleans (AP) — Hurricane Ida blasted ashore Sunday as one of the most powerful storms ever to hit the U.S., knocking out power to all of New Orleans, blowing roofs off buildings and reversing the flow of the Mississippi River as it rushed from the Louisiana coast into one of the nation's most important industrial corridors.

The hurricane was blamed for at least one death: a person found dead following a report of a fallen tree on a home in Prairieville, the Ascension Parish Sheriff's

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## Sheriff's Department looking for hit-and-run suspect



**WILLIE ARTHUR BANKS AKA "RADAR"**

**Staff Report**

The Holmes County Sheriff's Department is looking for the suspect in a hit-and-run accident on Ebenezer Road. On Friday, August 20, 57-year-old Willie Arthur Banks, aka "Radar" was walking south toward his home when he was hit by a car and was severely injured. The accident happened be-

tween 8:00 and 9:00 P. M. on Ebenezer Road, near Olivia Lane, Holmes County, (Lexington). The driver of the vehicle left the scene of the accident

Anyone with information about the accident is asked to call the Holmes County Sheriff's Department or Crime Stoppers at 662-834-0099. Serious Inquiries Only!

## 2021 Trojan Softball team



The Central Holmes Lady Trojans are in the midst of their 2021 season, and, for a second year in a row, have to deal with the repercussions of COVID 19 and the COVID Delta Variant. The Lady Trojans are a very young team, with only one senior, Aubrey Carr, who returned from last year's team. This year's team has shown great improvement. Currently, they have a 7-4 overall record, with 2-2 in conference play. Many of the games that they have lost have been extremely close. They have played a very competitive schedule, including much larger schools, such as Jackson Academy, Pillow Academy and Park Place. With several games left in conference play, the team hopes to make the North State AAAA Tournament. The 2021 team is led by head coach Rusty Miller and assistant coach Jonathan McBride. Pictured above, front row: Claire Tate, Heidi Hudson, Joshi Land, Sara Word, Emma Word; second row: Allie Rae McBride, Harley Grace Rayburn, Lilly Brennan, Ryleigh Scott, Paicey Ingram, Gracie Sheppard; back row: Rusty Miller (coach), Katelyn Box, Daynie Parish, Anna Duke, Kelby Wade, Olivia McBride, Aubrey Carr, Gracie Burrell, Shelby Schuster, Hanna Hood, Maddie Alford, Jonathan McBride (coach); not pictured: JJ Brown.

## 'We are in crisis': Mississippi hospitals dodge bullet with Ida; COVID remains worse than ever

Mississippi Today by Sara DiNatale and Will Stribling

Hospitals across Mississippi said they were still in crisis Monday — not from fallout of Hurricane Ida, but because of the continued surge of COVID-19 patients.

Despite massive power outages across the state as the historic storm ripped through, several Missis-

siippi hospitals reported having little to no disruption of care because of the severe weather. One hospital in Pike County lost power for several hours, but generators kept the storm from affecting patients.

Still, intensive care units across Mississippi remain at or near capacity as hospitals manage staff shortages and

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